

Remarks

Claims 1-9, 11-18 and 20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 11-16 and 20 are rejected. Claims 8, 9, 17 and 18 are objected to. Claims 1, 11, 12 and 20 are amended. All rejections and objections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 11 and 20 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 11 and 20 are amended to correct the informalities.

Claims 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 8. Claim 8 is canceled. Claim 12 has been amended to include limitations of allowable claim 17. Claim 17 is canceled.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's agent at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-0749.

Respectfully submitted,
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